

Council Meeting
April 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members DeBenedictis, Carrow, and Dias present with Mayor Letterman presiding. Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Lieutenant Carl Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Bill Brooks, Sandy Brooks, Andrew Mears, Malik Ferrell, Jakir Hampton, Dallas Hill, Leon Cooke, Anthony Watson, Iyelir Purnell, Caleb Matthews, Jordan Santiago, Christy Reynolds, and Sandra DeLane were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Letterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge to the Flag** – William Carrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of March 13, 2017 and Equipment Committee Meeting minutes of March 22, 2017 in written form. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Income and Expense Report** –

Mr. Dias made a motion to approve the Income and Expense Report. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Communications** – Ms. DeBenedictis read the communications from Comcast and Dawkins Family Farm. Mr. Letterman mentioned that Mr. Dawkins is a World War II veteran.
6. **Proclamation to Smyrna High School Boys Basketball Team** – Mr. Letterman read the proclamation and presented it to Coach Andrew Mears. All the team members came up and thanked the Council. Mr. Carrow spoke to the team congratulating them for an outstanding game.
7. **Report of the Chief of Police** – Lieutenant Hutson had no report. He did state that the glitch with the radios on the new vehicles has been resolved.
8. **Report of the Town Foreman** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.
9. **Report of the Town Solicitor** – Mr. Chambers had no report.
10. **Report from Inspections/Enforcement** – Mr. Hurlock stated he does have budgeted for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. He will start looking into filling after the election.

11. Reports from Members of Council

- a. Report from Electric Committee** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated she had no report from DEMEC. The customer service class was cancelled. Mr. Hurlock discussed the recent unexpected power outage. It lasted a little over 1-1/2 hours. A piece of equipment failed in the DP&L substation. The situation could have been a lot worse. He is not blaming DP&L. A scheduled outage occurred on Sunday, April 2, at midnight. This was to repair the piece of broken equipment. The outage lasted 4 hours and 11 minutes. Mr. Carrow stated the residents who are signed up with Code Red received notification. The town did well notifying the residents. Ms. DeBenedictis apologized for reporting on DEMEC out of order.
- b. Report from Street Committee** – Mr. Hurlock reported on Rodney Street. He and Mr. Fletcher had been working on this project for the past year. Senator Lawson and Representative Carson have donated funds. Part of the street will need to be milled. The street will need to be widened by 8-12” in the area of the storage sheds and Route 300. Mr. Letterman stated this is Representative Carson’s district. He wanted to thank Senator Lawson for stepping up and donating funds since it was outside of his district area.
- c. Report from Water & Sewer Committee** – Mr. Hurlock stated he has a budgeted expense to replace the old alert system at the lift station. We lost the phone line at this location. We are working off cellular.
- d. Report from Equipment Committee** – Mr. Dias the Public Works vehicle will be going out to bid.
- e. Report from Personnel Committee** – Mr. Carrow stated he will meet with Mr. Hurlock reference the part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Letterman asked if the part-time Public Works position was still open. Mr. Hurlock stated yes. He will be looking for a new person. The person who worked last year cannot work this year.
- f. Report from Police Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report.
- g. Report from Budget Committee** – Mr. Letterman had no report. Mr. Hurlock stated he went through the first three months of the Public Works budget and he is doing fine. Mr. Letterman thanked him for the report.
- h. Report from Economic Development Committee** – Mr. Carrow stated the Smyrna High School FFA received a \$1,500 grant from Walmart. They are still waiting to hear from Lowe’s. They can now start the project. They will start with flowers. We had collected \$3,500 for the clock campaign. We will start sending letters to the businesses in the Smyrna/Clayton area.
- i. Report from DEMEC** – Ms. DeBenedictis gave her report under Electric.
- j. Report from Board of Adjustments** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

k. **Report from Planning & Zoning Committee** – Mr. Hurlock stated we are in the middle of the Comp Plan.

l. **Appeals Board** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

12. Unfinished Business – No Business

13. New Business –

- a. **Discuss/Vote to increase the PCA and to decrease the base rates an equal amount to create a positive PCA.** – Mr. Letterman stated the computer software was having issues with the negative PPAC. Mr. Hurlock stated PPAC stands for power purchase cost adjustment. When rates need to be adjusted, it is done through the PPAC. We like to keep the base rates the same. Mr. Hurlock stated he would be glad to answer any questions about the rates after the meeting.

Mr. Dias made the following motion: I move that the current PCA rate of power cost collection be increased by \$0.0200 per kilowatt-hour from a credit of <\$0.0063> per kilowatt-hour to a charge of \$0.0137 per kilowatt-hour to be billed beginning with the next billing cycle. I further move that all per kilowatt-hour base rates in the Town's Rules & Regulations/Rate Schedules be decreased by the same \$0.0200 per kilowatt-hour. The result is zero net impact to the Town's electric customers since these two actions are equally offsetting adjustments. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Public Forum –

- a. Bill Brooks of 304 S. Rodney Street asked about signs to stop truck traffic. There are 10 to 12 trucks a week on Rodney Street including tractor trailers. One of the trucks is the NKS beer trucks. Lieutenant Hutson asked if a sign was there. Mr. Hurlock stated coming off of Route 300 there should be a sign. Lieutenant Hutson stated if a sign is posted, we can enforce. Mr. Brooks stated there are no signs facing southbound. Mr. Letterman stated he will take note and have Lieutenant Hutson and Mr. Hurlock take care of. Mr. Brooks also stated Eagle Group traffic goes flying down the street and go through the stop sign. Lieutenant Hutson will look into.
- b. Sandra DeLane – She asked if the town could get a committee together to improve the appearance of the council room. The council room should be more presentable. Mr. Letterman thanked Ms. DeLane for her suggestion.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Carrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey